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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>PATENTEE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
5,298,199	Hirose et al.	Mar. 29, 1994
5,673,092	Horie et al.	Sep. 30, 1997
5,917,572	Kurauchi et al.	Jun. 29, 1999
6,061,117	Horie et al.	May 9, 2000

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>DOCUMENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
7-199205	Japan	Aug. 4, 1995

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6-258649	Japan	Sep. 16, 1994
7-234414	Japan	Sep. 5, 1995
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7-281195	Japan	Oct. 27, 1995
7-318950	Japan	Dec. 8, 1995
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9-120075	Japan	May 6, 1997
7-104450	Japan	Nov. 13, 1995
2507122	Japan	Apr. 2, 1996
445 777	Europe	Sep. 11, 1991
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REMARKS

JP 7-234414 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,434,690 (the '690 patent is already of record); JP 7-104450 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,298,199; JP 2507122 corresponds to EP 445,777; JP 8-292423 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,673,092 and 6,061,117; JP 7-281195 corresponds to EP 676,661; and JP 9-120075 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,917,572.

The enclosed Japanese references were first cited in a Communication issued by the Japanese Patent Office (copy enclosed), and the corresponding English language patents (except the '690 patent and the '199 patent), which are of record in

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